Figure 1:

**Focused Reading**

1) How many French Canadian soldiers volunteered for oversees service?

**Answer-94,000**

2) Who were “Zombies”? Note, if you answer people who come back from the dead, you have missed the mark.

**Answer-“Zombies” was the name given to the NRMA soldiers who did not want to serve oversees.**

3) What does the cartoon on the bottom of suggest about Mackenzie King’s point of view?

**Answer-The cartoon suggest that King had few solutions for the replacement of troops if he did not introduce conscription. It suggest King is aware of the available soldiers in Quebec but is wary to call on them.**

4) A) What does the NRMA stand for?

**Answer-National Resource Mobilization Act (founded in 1940)**

B) Why was it created?

**Answer-Create a pool of trained individuals in case they were later needed for the war effort.**

C) Which province had the most NRMA soldiers?

**Answer-Quebec with 44,015**

D) How does the percentage of NRMA soldiers from this province compare to other provinces?

**Answer- Interestingly, Quebec had one of the lowest members in the NRMA compared to other provinces. This calls the criticisms that the French just wanted to stay at home.**

E) How many NRMA soldiers saw battle?

**Answer-2,400 saw battle**

Figure 2:

**French Canadians Opinion/Contribution to the War Effort**

1) A) What was the perspective of the video clip? Explain?

**Answer-The video clip is clearly from the French perspective. I will push the students to come up with reasons for this answer, such as the tone of the music at different portions of the clip and issues of selection and omission.**

B) How could the film have been created differently to represent the alternative viewpoint?

**Answer- Leave this up to the student’s creativity.**

2) What did Mackenzie King mean by “not necessarily conscription, but conscription if necessary”?

**Answer-He was sending a message to the French that he was not act on his new power to conscript Canadians unless it was absolutely imperative.**

3) Why did some French Canadians oppose conscription?

**Answer- They opposed conscription largely because they were uncomfortable being forced to go fight in a war that many considered not Canadians business. For those who did support the war effort they were simply uncomfortable with the Canadian government dictating what they had to do.**

4) Were the critics of the French Canadian war efforts justified? Why, or why not?

**Answer- Get the students to answer this question with a chart weighing the for and against positions before choosing a point of view. This answer in particular will be used as an offshoot for a larger discussion/debate about French Canadian war efforts.**

